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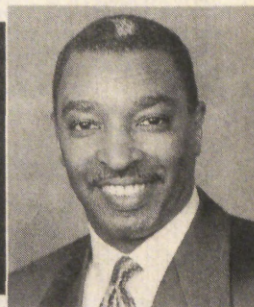
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CARSON DUNBAR is the New Jersey State Police nominee, and everybody is wondering about him. What are all his accomplishments? The only information we have so far has been what the press has said.

Three to four years as State Trooper in NJ and twenty-two years in the New York City F.B.I. office are not bad credentials. Plus, he has lived in New Jersey for a long time.

Many of the ministers like Rev. Jackson and politicians like Leroy Jones have pursued problems that have been around for years.

We are not going to write that he will solve all the problems of the NJ State Troopers or the minority community - but he does look like a great bet to do so. Much of the community that include churches, Black and White people want to see him succeed and say they hope he will come into their districts for help and support. There is much to be done and we are sure everyone who looks at the turn of events, with Carson Dunbar in charge as a better way.

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tick tick tick POLLY TICKS...

Note: This was written in the Vol. 3. No. 11 issue.

"IT'S A DAMN SHAME"

This column reported a month before the election that there were certain things that were going to be put in place after November 3rd if we lost.

- No 1. There was a prediction that the county would need lots of money.
- No. 2 Our golf course would be up for sale. Note: many folks from Belleville, Nutley and the western small towns did not expect this to happen.
- No. 3 That all of the people who jumped into the Republican side, would be dismissed. This also has started to happen because the turncoats did not really count except in the North where they won by 1,534 votes and East Ward by 302 votes.

"A SNAKE BY ANY OTHER NAME IS STILL A SNAKE" (PROVERB)

Since when does the Republican Party care about black folks? Remember these are the same people who are against:

1. Affirmative Action Programs
2. School Lunch Programs for poor children
3. Abortion Rights for Poor women
4. Aid for cities.

- DON'T BE FOOLED -

Jim Treffinger is a **Republican** he tries to hide it, but he is a **Republican** and like his friend Newt Gingrich, he believes (Essex County Government) should not be business of helping poor people.

He does not believe that Essex County should be in the business of repairing and cleaning roads that run through urban areas like Newark, East Orange, Irvington, or Orange.

He does not believe that Essex County should be in the business of providing job training and employment for minority county residents, so this Republican squanders the federal employment and training funds on "sweetheart" deals.

He does not believe in affirmative action, like Newt Gingrich, check his record; minorities make up over sixty percent of Essex County's population, but have less than fifteen percent of Essex County jobs. The entire minority community of Essex County (Blacks, Latinos. Haitians, Jamaicans, Indians, Asians, and Women, etc.) re-

ceive less than one percent (1% of all county contracts for goods and services - THE REPUBLICAN PHILOSOPHY AGAIN!

REPUBLICAN Treffinger is selling as many county assets as he can get away with:

- He sold the county geriatrics hospital in Belleville - the senior citizens who were patients there were thrown out.
- He closed down the county jail in North Caldwell.
- He is closing down the county mental hospital in Cedar Grove.
- He tried and will try again to sell the three county golf courses.
- He closed down Turtle Back Zoo - but was forced to re-open it.
- He refuses to properly clean county roads: Central, Park, Springfield, Chancellor, or Lyons Avenues.

Maintenance of County Parks has been a disgrace for nearly four years: Branch Brook, Weequahic, Irvington, Ivy Hill, West Side, Orange, and Vailsburg Parks are all filthy. Why is Park the only clean park in Essex County? Because the County Executive lives in Verona!

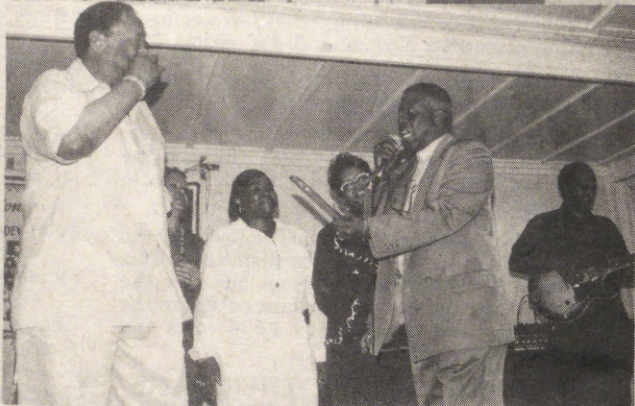
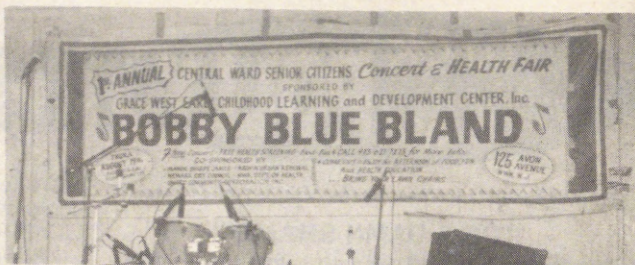
The Black Republicans of New Jersey are very concerned about their party not saying anything good about the person they picked for Essex County Prosecutor - Ms. Patricia Hurt.

White and Black of both parties say they don't think she was treated fairly. Of course to the community it shows that if your Black or Puerto Rican your leadership is due for short shift with both parties.

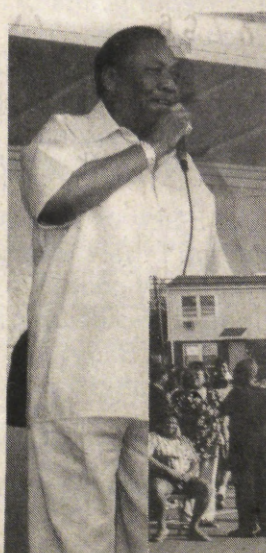
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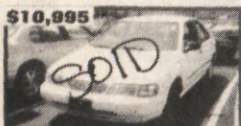
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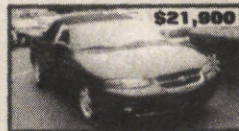
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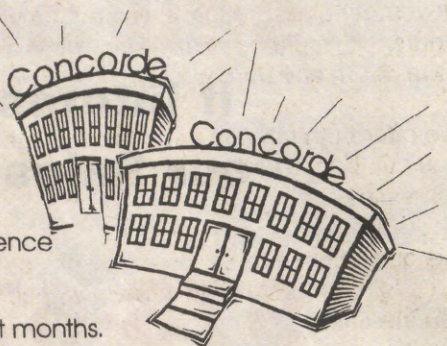
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Guest Commentary and Opinion Column

By Collie J. Nicholson

Is This Justice?

Despite Three Exonerations, Don King Remains A Perennial Target

It's getting so you can hardly believe what you read in the newspapers anymore – and the likelihood that you'll get a clear report on the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, stands true for television, too.

Case in point: don King versus those crusading news people. Their real outrage – never openly stated – is about King's enormous influence in boxing and the massive amount of money flowing his way.

Is his success also one of the reasons why he is being pursued by Justice Department officials? This question is being posed throughout the African-American community which is of the opinion that something hanky-panky is going on.

King has gotten the poison pen so often that, seemingly, the U.S. Justice Department has bought the lie. For the fourth time, the government is trying to find a way to prosecute him, along with Bob Lee, Sr., president of the International Boxing Federation on charges that the two fixed fighters' ratings. Lee is being targeted for the first time.

It doesn't matter that those rankings were not far different from those of the World Boxing Council (WBC) or the World Boxing Association (WBA).

Neither does it matter that King has been exonerated in three attempts by the Feds to prosecute him. He remains under scrutiny, a perennial target, which raised the question about fairness.

Despite constant criticism from media types, and the possibility of collusion between the good-old-boy network and the government to remove King from the boxing scene, Don remains an icon as much as any public figure.

He is one of the most recognizable figures in the world. King continues to embrace the public and the public

embraces him in an honoring and celebratory kind of way.

Most fans can identify with his struggle from a depressed beginning to dwarf the accomplishments of the largest boxing and entertainment moguls of all times.

Still, those grumpy reporters continue their efforts to jimmie up gossip, and negative reports, to get

King and Bob Lee, who, incidentally, happen to be the most prominent black boxing figures in the world. It appears that they're resurrecting that Great White Hope thing associated with boxing during the championship era of Jack Johnson, the first African-American heavyweight title holder, 70-odd years ago.. Then it was about a "White Hope" reclaiming the heavyweight title. Now it is about money, control and removing King from his high perch.

Don King has had his media detractors since he became the sports' most successful promoter.

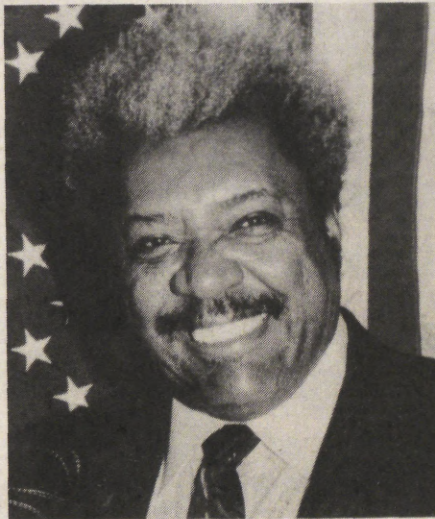
Some well-known reporters, from several of the biggest papers – a number of them certified King haters – are using their columns to speak ill of King, and in doing so,

continue to sully his name while giving rise to the government's interaction.

What is so unfortunate is that the allegations being made are just that – allegations. Equally unfortunate is the fact that the government is being duped into trying to produce any shred of evidence to try him again. King has become the

Justice Department's whipping boy.

To a large segment of the population, who believe anything they read in newspapers, perception amounts to guilt. And in the private halls of justice perception also equals another chance to get after King. For in-



stance, HBO got in on the act in June in a manner that King regarded as insulting.

A letter from HBO wanted Don to remove himself from the next Evander Holyfield-Lennox Lewis heavyweight championship fight – that Don holds promotional rights to – in the event he is indicted.

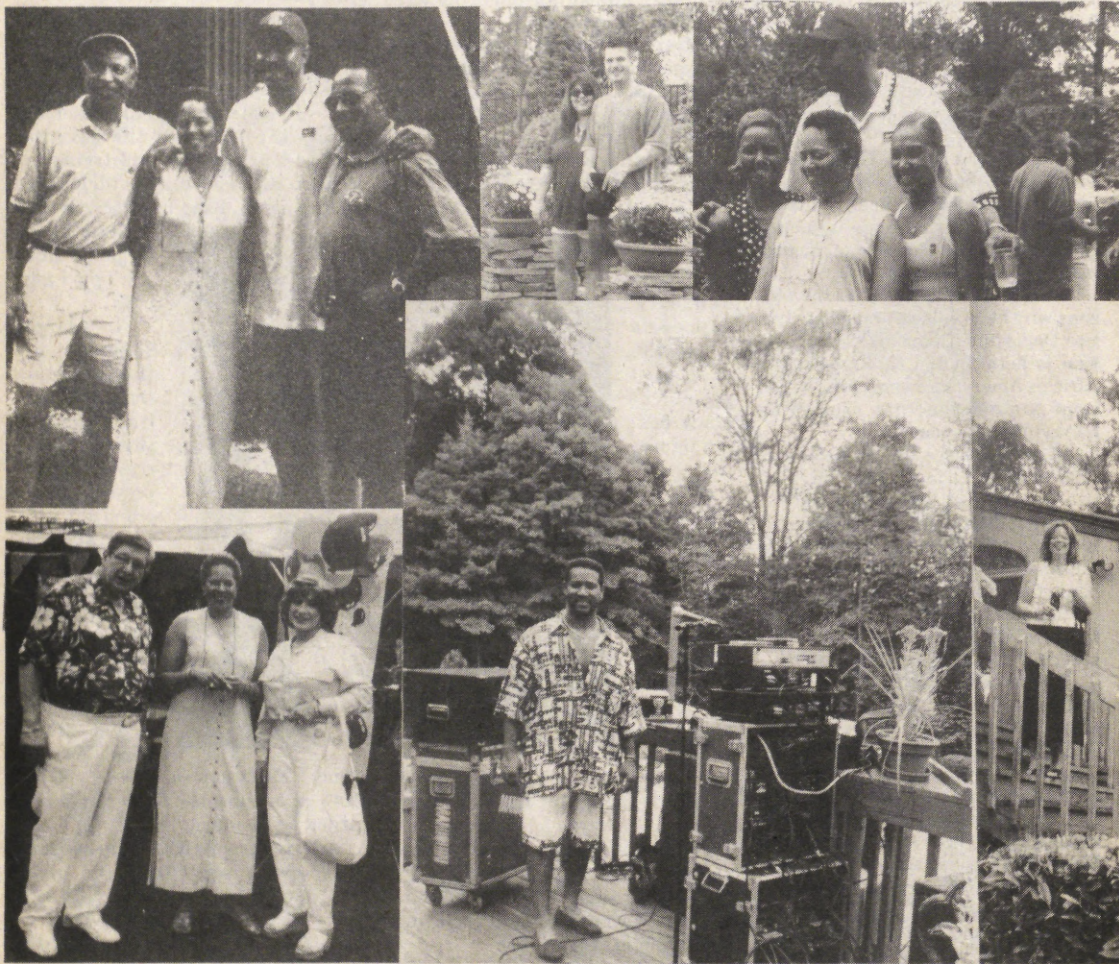
Since the HBO letter was based on supposition of a phantom crime, and an indictment is not a conviction, King's answer was a flat-out NO.

Apparently, HBO was ticked off

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! It was all that and more at NBA player Chris Gatling's home in Warren, NJ, with a happy turnout of folks. Besides Chris and the family, including his dad, Mayor Sharpe James of Newark, Carl Brinson of Newark plus many others came by to wish him well on this occasion. Also, Chris is opening up the All-Star Sports Center this month.

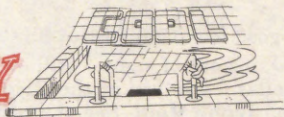


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a good look at the **Mint** on Central Ave. in Orange, NJ, it's out of sight – still owned by the brothers – smiles... See you at the **Priory, Charlie Earland and Irene Reid**. See you again at the Priory with **Jimmy McGriff and Hank Crawford...** And folks are talking about... it doesn't matter how *big you think you are*, they still going try and make you feel small. Take the Singer **Diana Ross** who was arrested and detained for four hours after a confrontation with a security guard who searched her at Britain's Heathrow Airport. "It was scary, I was scared. I'm worried about my children and I want to go home," she told BBC-TV just before she caught the Concorde evening flight to New York, some eight hours after she had been scheduled to leave. The problems started shortly before the 55-year-old Ross was to board the Concorde flight to New York. She passed through the metal detector and something she apparently was wearing activated it. The ensuing body search by a female guard was humiliating, she said. Ross said the guard "was rubbing up and down my leg. I felt very uncomfortable.... The woman did not apologize." Ross complained to police and got no satisfaction. She then went back and approached the guard again and said, 'How would you feel in this situation?' and actually touched the guard. The guard made a complaint to the police, which led to Ross' brief stay at a stationhouse. ... Wow!

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CHARLES BROWN, SR., 72

health administrator

Mr. Brown was an administrator for the board of health for the state of New Jersey for 28 years before retiring in 1992.

He was a member of the Moab Lodge 70, F&AM in Rahway.

JEAN MILES BURWELL

educator in Passaic

Mrs. Jean Miles Burwell, a lifelong resident of Newark, an elementary school teacher and principal.

ULYSSES "ULIE," RICHARDSON

CHARLIE BELL JOHNSON, 92

a true humanitarian

Mrs. Johnson, wife of Metropolitan Baptist Church late pastor, the Rev. Benjamin Franklin Johnson, died after a brief illness.

CLEM "SMITTY" SMITH, 72

Newark entrepreneur

He owned and operated "Smitty's Owl Lounge" on Clinton Avenue for close to two decades.

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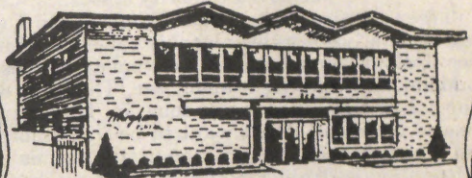
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Lena^{on} Lena

The following account, in her own words, describes how she shattered stereotypes and achieved celebrity status.

"I was discovered by Roger Edens while I was singing in a Los Angeles nightclub called The Little Troc. I didn't know him, but he went to his bosses at MGM and told them about me. The next day, they called and asked me to come in. I wasn't impressed because I didn't want to be in California, and I hadn't ever thought about the movies. My father flew in from Pittsburgh, and we sort of laughingly went to the studio. My father was, in fact, fighting against the idea of my going into the movies, because neither of us liked the roles that we African-Americans were obliged to play at that time. So I thought nothing of it, but lo and behold, they took me! Friends like Vincente Minnelli, Billy Strayhorn, and Count Basie all convinced me that I should take the job.

With the exception of *Cabin in the Sky*, my scenes were always very easy to crop out. I usually didn't end up standing very close to any other performer on the screen, and I never had any dialogue except for that little section from *Show Boat* in "Till the Clouds Roll By" when I had a little contact with Kathryn Grayson. So, they could easily remove my scenes in the Southern states where they didn't like them. Otherwise, they made me very glamorous, dressed beautifully with a beautiful orchestration and lighting and everything gorgeous.

The only thing I refused to do was to be in a New York play they owned called *St. Louis Woman*. The music was glorious, and they wanted me desperately, but I didn't like the story myself, the way it portrayed my people. So, when I turned them down, they put me on layoff, and that really finished me at MGM.

The picture where I thought I sang my best was *Words and Music* when Lenny (Hayton) made the arrangement for me on "Where or When." I also like "Love," which I did with Lenny and Vincente Minnelli for Ziegfeld follies. A lot of wonderful things have happened to me because of the reputation I made at MGM. It wasn't all cake and candy, but they did give me the name, and I had a lot of life's wishes fulfilled."

SOCIAL CALENDAR

OCT. 1ST - THE FIRST FRIDAY 12TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION at Bogies, 527 Williams Street, East Orange

OCT. 1ST- CIMA, Inc. 1999 Scholarship Gala Event. CIMA International Awards is a Newark based non-profit organization that seeks to promote African-American and Latino participation in the media. The organization pays tribute to journalist of Hispanic and African-American heritage and to supporters of these communities. CIMA, also awards scholarships to high school and college students of Hispanic and African-American ancestry who have demonstrated interest and potential for entry into the field of Communication

OCT. 2ND- CASINO CRUISE RIDE. Five hour ride includes, casino action, buffet dinner, complimentary cocktail and ten dollars cash. Bus leaves: 57 Sussex Ave. 5:00 P.M. \$45.00 P.P. For information contact, Doris Crank 483-5380 or Joyce Bailey, 430-2279.

OCT. 2ND - LILLIE V. BELL, the Democratic District Leader of the Central Ward 40th District celebrates her retirement at The Centre Inc. 23 Elizabeth Ave. 3 to 7 p.m. Call Charlie A. Bell at 973-642-1524 for tickets and information.

OCT. 14TH-16TH - ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF WOMEN WITH A VISION MINISTRIES at The First Timothy Baptist Church, 215 Chancellor Avenue, Newark, NJ. Rev. James L. Batts, Sr. is Pastor. For more information, contact (973) 923-3299.

OCT. 14-17- 17TH ANNUAL BLACK ISSUES LEADERSHIP CONVENTION at the Sheraton Woodbridge Place, Iselin, NJ. 9AM-11PM For more information call 973-824-7463.

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Is This Justice?

Despite Three Exonerations, Don King Remains A Perennial Target

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by the rejection on a situation it created. Don also indicated that he believed HBO conspired with the FBI on the day the government agency raided his Florida headquarters. King said he thought HBO "set him up," in effect, by luring him to New York for negotiations on the day the FBI held its raid.

That day, sixty-eight FBI agents raided King's headquarters and took with them computers and software that could possibly exonerate King.

You see, they're jumping up all over King's grave and the man isn't even dead yet. The legions of sportswriters with an axe to grind still whack away with the same old zeal. Meanwhile, the list of King supporters is also growing steadily. His most powerful new ally is the NAACP. At its annual convention in New York, the national organi-

zation adopted a Resolution of Support for King. Kweisi Mfume, chief executive officer of the NAACP, criticized the Department of Justice for "using its police powers to further a hostile agenda aimed at destroying black economic and political leadership." A week later, the Congressional Black Caucus and the Black Leadership Forum — an organization made up of 39 leading black groups — joined in supporting King. The Black Leadership Forum wants to talk with Attorney General Janet Reno about "racially motivated" investigations."

Dr. Joseph Lowery, who heads the BLF, said he felt sure that "the Investigation of King is racially motivated and said something should be done about it."

The Congressional Black Caucus has asked for an internal investigation using Assistant Attor-

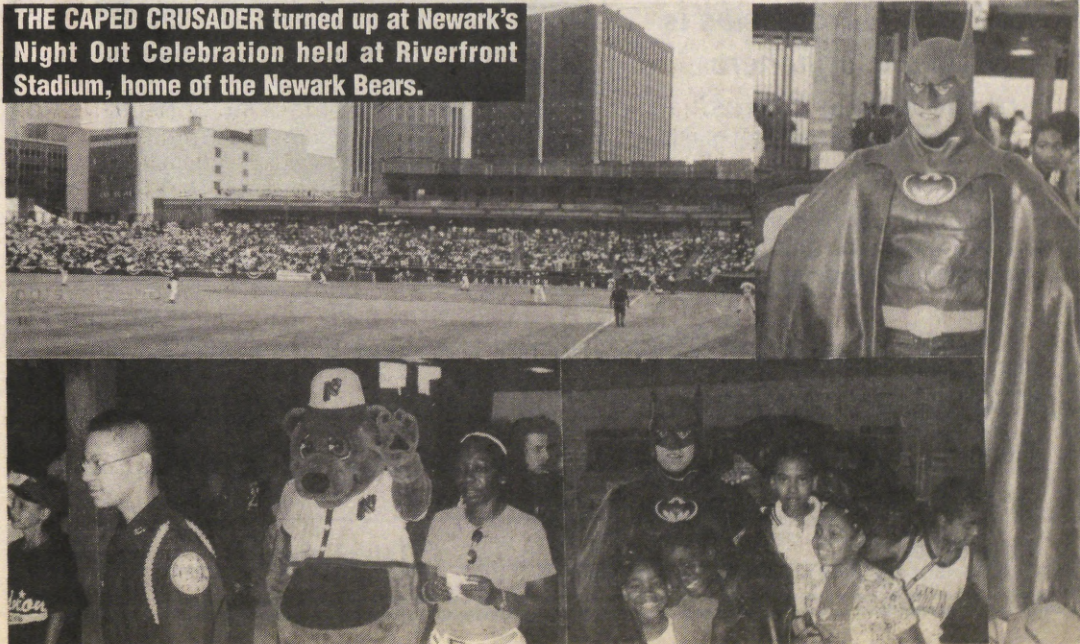
ney General Eric Holder, who is black, to head a task force to do the investigation of what they view as "very serious allegations."

It is fashionable, in certain quarters, to put the knock on Don King, but several things are obvious: King is his own man — a new wave entrepreneur who furnishes his own propulsion.

He is a true personification of the American Dream. Don demonstrated that an idea coupled with perseverance and knowledge, backed by an indomitable spirit, can lead to success.

King is also a major philanthropist of his time among the sports gentry. He has given beneficently of his accrued millions to various charities; and a number of organizations, aware of his contributions and concerns, have showered him with hosannas, awards, plaques and other symbolic recognitions.

THE CAPED CRUSADER turned up at Newark's Night Out Celebration held at Riverfront Stadium, home of the Newark Bears.



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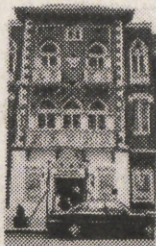
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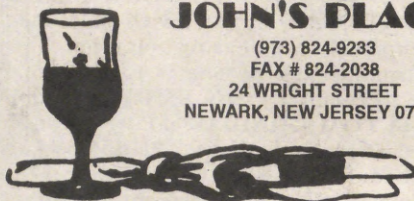
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CITY NEWS

April, 1999

Black and Latino lawyers stand defiant against police profiling

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

EAST ORANGE — Leaders of the Garden State Bar Association and the Hispanic Bar Association stood together recently to condemn the rampant use of profiling by law enforcement agencies in New Jersey.

"As officers of the court, we are appalled at the continued denial by the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey and the leadership of the New Jersey State Police that illegal racial profiling has been and continues to be practiced by some state police officers," the group's president, John E. Page, said in a press conference in East Orange on April 14.

"In fact, figures from the U.S. Justice Department and the U.S. House Judiciary Committee indicate that 72 percent of drivers pulled over for routine traffic stops are African-American," he added. "However, African-Americans make up only 14 percent of the national population. The evidence is clear and overwhelming."

"As citizens of the United States and residents of the State of New Jersey, we know that racial profiling exists. In fact, it lessens us and debases us as citizens," he said. "Many of us, whether male or female, have been personally stopped while driving on the highways and in the neighborhoods of this state where we live and work. Our children have been stopped. We have personally suffered the indignities of being stopped by police officers for no reason than driving while black or driving while brown."



Attorney Ronald Thompson of the Garden State Bar Association member Regina Waynes Joseph's personal account of illegal profiling. The group will offer free help to victims through a toll-free number.

Hispanic Bar Association President Ramon De La Cruz added, "The facts and statistics regarding racial profiling are clear and convincing to us."

Indeed, more than a half-dozen members recalled their own gut-wrenching experiences on the wrong end of police scrutiny and humiliation. The incidents often led only to embarrassment for cops and a bitter sense that black citizens, no matter how law-abiding or well-accomplished, continue to be viewed by some as the police officer's natural target.

Raymond Hamlin, attorney of exonerated former murder suspect Terrance Everett (proven innocent of killing Police Officer Joyce Carnegie), recalled an example just three weeks old.

Hamlin and his wife, Urban League of Essex County Execu-

tive Director Zoraya Levin, were stopped in the Mercedes by a Hadley police. The facts and statistics regarding racial profiling are clear and convincing to us."

He seemed emotionless when he added, "My 30-year-old Raymond Jr. was in the back seat, and he was 'What's wrong, Daddy, wrong?'"

"The tint on my windows was very slight, and you can see inside the car," he said. Hamlin showed the car to reporters outside the press conference at the law office of Ronald Thompson on Harrison Street.

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